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SUBJECT: MBFR: JULY 4 TRILATERAL MEETING IN BONN

REF: A) USNATO 3607; B) USNATO 3642

1. I SHOULD LIKE TO ADD TWO COMMENTS TO THE REPORT OF  
THE JULY 4 TRILATERAL MEETING OF OPTION 3 EXPERTS  
IN BONN CONTAINED IN REF (A).

2. DURING DISCUSSION OF THE US DRAFT SUPPLEMENT TO THE  
NAC GUIDANCE ON OPTION 3 (PARA 9 REFTTEL), US REPS  
REFRAINED FROM CALLING ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT THE  
DRAFT SUPPLEMENT DOES NOT DEAL WITH POINT RAISED IN  
PARA 6(E) OF FRG SPEAKING NOTES OF JUNE 23 (USNATO 3397).  
FRG POINT WAS AS FOLLOWS: "IN INTRODUCING OPTION 3, THE  
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POSSIBILITY OF A NEGATIVE REACTION OF THE EAST TO ITS

INTRODUCTION SHOULD ALSO BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION. THIS IS DONE IN PARA 21 OF THE AMERICAN PAPER (STATE 132089). A CLEAR ALLIANCE POSITION ON THIS POINT IS NECESSARY. ANY EXTENSION OF OPTION 3 MUST BE EXCLUDED." JUDGING FROM THE STRONG LANGUAGE IN PARA 6(E), IT APPEARS LIKELY THAT FRG WILL INSIST ON THIS POINT. ACCORDINGLY, WE SUGGEST WASHINGTON DRAFT LANGUAGE ON THIS TOPIC FOR POSSIBLE INCLUSION IN THE SUPPLEMENT IF FRG INSISTS.

3. FOR WASHINGTON CONSIDERATION, WE WOULD SUGGEST LANGUAGE ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES: "THE TACTICAL PURPOSE OF INTRODUCING OPTION 3 IS TO ENGAGE THE EAST IN A SERIOUS DISCUSSION OF REDUCTIONS AND TO ESTABLISH THE OVERALL FRAMEWORK FOR A VIABLE PHASE I AGREEMENT. THE EAST MAY PROVE UNWILLING TO REACH AGREEMENT ON ANY BASIS COMPATIBLE WITH ALLIED NEGOTIATING OBJECTIVES. IN SUCH CASE, THE ALLIES CONSIDER THAT FAILURE TO REACH AGREEMENT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO AN AGREEMENT WHICH EITHER (A) WOULD DEGRADE THE MILITARY BALANCE OR (B) WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY CONSTRAIN NATO'S ABILITY TO IMPROVE ITS POSITION UNILATERALLY WITHOUT GIVING NATO COMPENSATING ADVANTAGES IN TERMS OF EASTERN REDUCTIONS AND CONSTRAINTS ON EASTERN FORCE CAPABILITIES." WE RECOMMEND THAT ANY LANGUAGE TO THIS EFFECT NOT BE PUT FORWARD TO THE FRG UNTIL AND UNLESS IT BECOMES EVIDENT THAT ITS INCLUSION IN THE SUPPLEMENT IS NEEDED TO OBTAIN FRG AGREEMENT TO OPTION 3. WE ALSO SUGGEST THAT IF LANGUAGE ON THIS TOPIC IS PUT FORWARD, IT BE KEPT SEPARATE FROM TREATMENT OF THE CEILINGS ISSUE OF LIMITATIONS ON ALLIED ARMAMENTS, IN PARTICULAR, THE CONTENT OF PARA 9 OF THE DRAFT GUIDANCE TO THE AD HOC GROUP, SO THAT THE TWO ISSUES DO NOT BECOME INTERTWINED. WE WISH TO AVOID ANY IMPLICATION THAT THE US HAS AGREED TO DROP THE MBFR PROJECT IF THE EAST MAKES IT A REQUIREMENT THAT THE LIMITATIONS WHICH THE US IS PREPARED TO ACCEPT ON ITS ARMAMENTS BE EXTENDED TO THE NATO ALLIES.

4. THE SECOND POINT CONCERNS THE FRG REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL DATA WITH RESPECT TO SOVIET NUCLEARS (PARA 11 OF REF A AND SECRET

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USNATO 3558). WE SUGGEST THAT, TO MEET FRG INTERESTS AND TO AVOID DELAY IN FRG DECISION-MAKING ON OPTION 3, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO PROVIDE THE FRG BILATERALLY WITH SOME DATA IN RESPONSE TO THIS REQUEST, PERHAPS BALANCING THIS DATA WITH DATA ON US AND UK NUCLEAR COMMITMENTS PLUS FRENCH NUCLEAR ELEMENTS. THIS INFORMATION MAY WELL BE CONTAINED IN NATO DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE TO SOME MOD OFFICIALS IN BONN. HOWEVER, IT MAY NOT BE READILY AVAILABLE

TO FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS. IN THE INTERESTS OF  
AVOIDING UNNECESSARY DELAY, WE THINK IT WOULD BE WORTH-  
WHILE FOR WASHINGTON TO SUPPLY THE INFORMATION REQUESTED  
BY THE GERMANS DIRECTLY. RESOR

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